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1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR CHANGES SINCE THE FY 77 NCAP
TRAINING ASSESSMENT PAPER WAS SUBMITTED.

2. FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO PARA 5 REFTTEL:

(A) CENTRAL NARCOTICS BUREAU (CNB) HAS A LIMITED NARCOTICS
ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAM PERFORMED IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY. SINGAPORE CUSTOMS CONDUCTS ITS
TRAINING PROGRAM THROUGH THE NATIONAL CUSTOMS ACADEMY. IN
DEA/SINGAPORE'S JUDGMENT NEITHER HAS A FULLY VIABLE CURRICULUM.

(B) YES, BUT ONLY IDENTIFICATION AND FAMILIARIZATION WHICH
IS TAUGHT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL (THE ONLY LEVEL IN SINGAPORE).

(C) NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY AND NATIONAL CUSTOMS ACADEMY.

(D) INSTRUCTORS ARE SENIOR OFFICERS TRAINED IN THE US AND
EUROPE. THEY HAVE ONLY A LIMITED CAPABILITY BASED ON THEIR
ATTENDANCE AT RELATIVELY SHORT COURSES OVERSEAS. THEY ARE
NOT PERMANENT FULL TIME INSTRUCTORS.

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(E) INSTRUCTORS HAVE RECEIVED EITHER TRAINING IN THE U.S. OR IN GENEVA BY THE UN. THEY HAVE BEEN GIVING TRAINING ON A RECURRING BASIS TO POLICE, CNB, AND CUSTOMS RECRUITS.

(F) THIS TRAINING MAY HAVE HAD SOME FAVORABLE IMPACT ON RESULTS ACHIEVED TO DATE. HOWEVER, NO STUDIES HAVE BEEN MADE AND NO MEASURABLE RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE.

(G) ALTHOUGH DEA SINGAPORE IS DISCREETLY EXPLORING THIS QUESTION WITH HOST COUNTRY AGENCIES, WE ANTICIPATE THAT CUSTOMS WOULD ACCEPT A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO DEVELOP ITS OWN NARCOTICS TRAINING PROGRAM. THE CNB RESPONSE WOULD PROBABLY BE LESS POSITIVE.

(H) BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO OFFER TO SEND A SPECIAL TRAINING TEAM TO ASSESS LOCAL TRAINING. DEPENDING UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS TEAM, THE U.S. COULD EITHER OFFER TO SEND CNB AND CUSTOMS PERSONNEL TO THE U.S. FOR INSTRUCTOR DEVELOPMENT TRAINING (ONE EACH FOR CUSTOMS AND CNB PER FISCAL YEAR), OR SEND U.S. INSTRUCTORS TO GIVE LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE NATIONAL POLICE AND CUSTOMS ACADEMIES IN SINGAPORE, OR BOTH.

(I) SINGAPORE CUSTOMS OFFERS BOTH INSTRUCTION AND ON THE JOB TRAINING FOR OTHER ASEAN COUNTRY OFFICERS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. ALTHOUGH IT HAS ONLY A LIMITED CAPABILITY, CNB HAS EXHIBITED A MORE NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS PROVIDING TRAINING TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION.

3. POINTS TO CONSIDER. WHILE CUSTOMS IS ALWAYS EAGER TO ACCEPT TRAINING, CNB HAS A LESS POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD TRAINING AS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT ITS DIRECTOR WAS OFFERED DEA IN-COUNTRY TRAINING OVER THREE MONTHS AGO AND HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THIS OVERTURE. MOREOVER, OVER HALF OF THE CNB COMPLEMENT ARE RAW RECRUITS WITH 3 MONTHS SERVICE. ADDRESSEES SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ALTHOUGH THE CNB WILLINGLY COOPERATES WITH DEA ON SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL TRAFFICKING CASES, ITS FOCUS IS PRIMARILY DIRECTED AT THE LOCAL PUSHER/USER LEVEL. THE CNB ALSO SUFFERS FROM POOR MANAGEMENT, AND LACK OF EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, AND RESOURCES. ALTHOUGH THE SINGAPORE CUSTOMS IS WELL ORGANIZED AND PERFORMS WELL IT ALSO SUFFERS FROM LACK OF PROPER EQUIPMENT. GOS HAS, DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS, BEEN MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT ANY OFFERS OF TRAINING OR EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED FOREIGN AID.

4. THE ONLY TRAINING WHICH GOS IS ACTIVELY PURSUING IS SINGAPORE CUSTOMS' INTEREST IN OBTAINING NARCOTIC DOG TRAINING. HOLDRIDGE

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